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OFFER TO BUY: Fruit and Vegetable Products

The Department of Agriculture announced it is planning to purchase **36** fruit and vegetable products for donation to Needy Family and related domestic feeding programs, according to Robert C. Keeney, Deputy Administrator, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service.

The anticipated purchases will be made from offers that must be submitted on a delivered-to-destination price basis. Deliveries will be required from April 1, 2006 through June 30, 2006.

Products, container sizes, and approximate quantities sought are as follows:

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PRODUCT	CONTAINER	U.S. GRADE	NO CASES
	SIZE		
Apple Juice, Cnd	12/46 fl. oz.	A	177,072
Grape Juice, Ctn	12/46 fl. oz.	A	34,000
Pineapple Juice, Cnd	12/46 fl. oz.	A	6,720
Orange Juice, Cnd	12/46 fl. oz.	A	157,080
Tomato Juice, Cnd	12/46 fl. oz.	A	59,024
Cranberry Apple Juice, Cnd	12/46 fl. oz.	Per C.I.D.	39,032
Apple Sauce, Cnd	24/300	A	97,200
Plums, Cnd	24/300	В	1,620
Dry, Blackeye Beans	12/2 lb.	No.1	8,400
Dry, Lima Beans	12/2 lb.	No.1	1,680
Dry, Grt. Northern Beans	12/2 lb.	No.1	20,160
Dry, Pinto Beans	12/2 lb.	No.1	114,240
Dry,Lt. Red Kidney Beans	12/2 lb.	No.1	45,360
Green Beans, Cnd	24/300	В	173,340
Carrots, Cnd	24/300	A	110,160
Cream Style Corn, Cnd	24/300	В	9,720
Whole Kernel Corn, Cnd	24/300	В	214,200
Peas, Cnd	24/300	В	113,400
Pumpkin, Cnd	24/300	A	1,620

PRODUCT	CONTAINER SIZE	U.S. GRADE	NO CASES
Mixed Vegetables, Cnd	24/300	Per C.I.D.	55,080
Vegetable Soup, Cnd	24/1	Per C.I.D.	66,000
Tomato Soup Cnd	24/1	Per C.I.D.	24,200
Spinach, Cnd	24/300	A	4,845
Tomatoes, Cnd	24/300	В	79,380
Tomatoes, Diced, Cnd	24/300	В	12,960
Potatoes, Sliced, Cnd	24/300	A	78,030
Tomato Sauce, Cnd	24/300	A	45,900
Spaghetti Sauce, Cnd	24/300	Per C.I.D.	150,660
Refried Beans, Cnd	24/300	No. 2	33,660
Vegetarian Beans, Cnd	24/300	A	45,900
Blackeye Beans, Cnd	24/300	A	27,540
Light Red Kidney Beans, Cnd	24/300	A	7,650
Dehydrated Potatoes	12/1 lb.	Per USDA	35,000
Syrup, Corn	12/24 oz.	Per USDA	15,972
Dried Plums	24/1	В	1,500
Raisins	24/15 oz.	В	5,184

PLEASE NOTE: This announcement does not commit USDA to purchase specific quantities or particular products. The quantities described in this FOOD PURCHASE REPORT are estimates and are intended to provide only general notice of USDA purchasing plans. Those plans are subject to change. Actual purchases will depend upon prices and quantities offered as well as possible adjustments in user requirements.

Invitations to bid, including final details and specifications, will be sent to processors. Offers to sell these products must be received not later than the date specified on the Invitation to Bid

Further information can be obtained from the Commodity Procurement Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave. Room 2546 - South Building, Washington, D.C. 20250, telephone (202) 720-4517 or our Internet Site: www.ams.usda.gov/cp.